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POLICY FOR SINGLE WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme or welfare/ employment to the children/residential hostels for single women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to check exploitation of single women engaged in domestic help in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a)to (c): The Government has been implementing a number of schemes for the welfare and protection of children viz Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme for Children of Working Mothers, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection and the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA).

A Scheme for construction/ expansion of hostel buildings for working women has been under implementation since 1972-73, for providing safe accommodation to single working women who are unmarried, widowed, divorced or separated as well as to the married women whose husband or immediate family does not reside in the same area.

The Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 enables provision of social security measures for unorganised workers including domestic workers. The Central Government has requested the State Governments for inclusion of 'domestic worker' as a scheduled employment under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and to fix minimum rates of wages for them in their respective States. Further, eligible women domestic workers can avail benefits under various welfare schemes being implemented by the Government.